



*We are a body of believers
located in northern Harris County
called by the Holy Spirit and
transformed by the Gospel to glorify and enjoy God
as we proclaim the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Celebration of God in Corporate Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Janice Bradshaw

PRELUDE

Brooke Lewis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ben

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Janice Bradshaw

*Please take a moment to silently prepare to worship,
and reflect on Isaiah 54:5,*

*“For your Maker is your husband,
the Lord of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.”*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Ben

from Psalm 66:1-5

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth worships you and sings praises to you.”

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

All: He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man!

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Ben

✦SONGS OF ADORATION

Congregation

Come Praise and Glorify

(Kauflin, Chester)

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator (Hymn #97)

(Cory, Nederlandsch Gedenckclank, 1626)

*Worship begins
where spiritual
life begins - with
God's call.
Appropriately,
we respond with
prayers and
songs of
adoration.*

*“Give me
understanding
that I may keep
your law and
observe it with
my whole heart.”
Psalm 119:34*

✦Please stand if able

DECLARATION OF GOD'S LAW

Pastor Ben

1 Peter 2:1-2

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Ben

Leader: Almighty God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all of our sin.

People: **Please forgive us for our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious Law.**

Leader: Father, transform us by your grace so that we might desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command. Hear now our silent prayers of personal confession...

silent confession of personal sin

...amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOSPEL

Pastor Ben

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Pastor Ben

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

God's law reveals God's righteous requirement. We confess our failure to keep God's law, and joyfully receive the good news of what God has done for us in Christ.

"Let your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise."
Psalm 119:41

✦ SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Congregation*
I Will Sing of My Redeemer (Hymn 650, vs. 1, 2, and 3)
(Bliss, McGranahan)

DIACONAL PRAYER *Deacon Kyle Bodden*

OFFERTORY *Every Promise of Your Word* *Choir*
(Getty, Townend)

*We are called to
be faithful
stewards of
God's Word.
Therefore, we
eagerly and
unashamedly
read and
proclaim the
whole counsel of
Scripture.*

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice...
Through this dark and troubled land You will guide me with Your hand...
And You've promised to complete every work begun in me—
Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out every fear...
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come...
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe—

✦ SONG OF PRAISE *The Doxology* (Hymn #731) *Congregation*
(Ken, Bourgeois)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN *Pastor Ben*
*After the blessing you are welcome to send your children ages 4-8 to Children's Worship
or they may remain with you. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary after the sermon.*

SCRIPTURE TEXT Matthew 4:1-11 *Pastor Ben*

SERMON *Lessons from the Temptation of Jesus* *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE *Congregation*
How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #94, vs. 1, 3, and 4)
(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787, Traditional American melody)

✦ BENEDECTION *Pastor Ben*

✦ SONG OF BLESSING *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #735) *Congregation*
(Traditional 2nd century text, Greatorex)

POSTLUDE *Janice Bradshaw*

Sermon Notes

Lessons from the Temptation of Jesus

January 15, 2023

Matthew 4:1-11

Announcements

Monday, January 16 - Holiday, office closed	
Session Meeting Pastor's Office	7:00pm
Tuesday, January 17	
Women in the Word Room 119	9:30am
Men's Bible Study Room 118	7:00pm
Wednesday, January 18	
Youth Group Youth Building	6:15pm
Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	6:30pm
Thursday, January 19	
Women in the Word Room 119	7:00pm
Friday, January 20	
Saturday, January 21	
Sunday, January 22 - Sanctity of Life Sunday	
Worship Sanctuary & Live Stream	9:30am
Sunday School for all ages	11:00am
Digging Deeper Fellowship Hall Annex	6:00pm

Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Every child deserves a birthday, every life has value. Help support Pregnancy Assistance Center North in The Woodlands (PACN) by participating in this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. Pick up a baby bottle from the Narthex, fill it with change, bills, or a check (made payable to PACN), and **return it by Sunday, January 22nd.**

Tables of Eight Sign Up!

Contact: Christine Achterkirch, cachterk4jc@gmail.com
The next gathering of Tables of Eight will be January 21 at 6 pm. This is an opportunity to fellowship and share a meal in a host's home. Please **RSVP by TODAY** by signing up in the Narthex or by emailing Christine Achterkirch.

Women-to-Women (W2W)

Contact: Sarah Kooiman, sarah.kooiman@gmail.com
W2W gives SCPC women, members, and regular attenders, the opportunity to ENHANCE relationships they already have and EMBRACE new relationships with one another. Groups of three to four women gather once a month for a time of fun, fellowship, and encouragement. **Sign up by TODAY** in the Narthex or online at springcypresschurch.com/women.

New Adult & Senior High Sunday School Classes Begin TODAY

1 John, TE Ken Thurman, Room 117

"Am I in right relationship with God?" Questions of assurance are common for Christians, and the Apostle John teaches us that a desire for, and possession of assurance of salvation are not only possible but healthy for Christians. Join us as we study the epistle of 1 John in order to help us grow in our certainty that we indeed are God's beloved children.

1 Peter, Randy Bachman, Room 118

Join us for this topical study of 1 Peter. We will drill down into Peter's main themes and discover how they are handled in the rest of Scripture and in our standards. We will also take time to reflect on how to apply what we learn to our daily lives.

1 Peter (Senior High), Felix Espino, Youth Building

Peter's great themes of grace and salvation in Christ, godly living, and comfort in suffering, echo down the ages to the present day. In this class the youth will learn that the themes are still relevant for the church and our lives today as they were in the first century. We, too, need to hear of the greatness of the salvation accomplished by Christ and to heed the call to consecrated and orderly living, to endurance in suffering, and to vigilant service.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 5, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members, make plans to join us for this important meeting. We will celebrate what God has done in our midst over the course of 2022, share key goals for 2023 including the approved 2023 budget, and hold an election for the office of Deacon. See the insert for more information about each deacon candidate.

Prayer

Pray for Our Church

Men - Pray that our men will grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another and their families as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

Pray for Our Congregation

Claude Roberts - for recovery from having a stent inserted and complete healing. Pray all for comfort and peace following the death of his sister, Helen.

Ongoing health concerns: *René & Clairice Chapelle, Carl & Rose Gregory, Jeff Kuhn, Rick & Jeanne Maddy, Katie Medeiros, Mark Morrow, Jim & Mary Spiritosanto.*

Pray for Our Military and First Responders

Peter Achterkirch, Army, Washington

Christian Cory, Army, New York

Chris Dietz, Navy Reserves, Texas

Joshua Duncan, Army, Georgia

Shawn Maya, Spring Fire Department

Jessy Wykes, Army, Europe

Pray for Our College Students

Charlotte Achterkirch, Samford University

Claire Achterkirch, Samford University

Zach Allan, Tarleton State University

Rebekah Duncan, Montana State University

Austin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Justin Gatlin, Louisiana State University

Jenna Haaland, Samford University

Rebekah Kooiman, Abilene Christian University

Ayden Steagall, Lone Star College

AJ Tousha, Lone Star College

Izzy Tousha, Lone Star College

Pray for Our Expectant Mothers

Theresa Adams is due in February.

Christine Harris is due in March.

Kathryn Ritchie is due in April.

Laurie Byerly is due in June.

Pray for Our Family & Friends

Kristen Chandler's brother *Matt Stoddard* - for employment and provision for his family.

The *family of Larry Doggett*, close friends of Bob & Renée Pickard - comfort and peace following Larry's death.

Christine Harris' cousin *Mary* & uncle *Ricky* - healthy pregnancy (26 weeks) for Mary while helping her father Ricky as he battles cancer; peace and comfort for all.

Cason Moncrief - for wisdom as he faces many decision in the coming months.

Amy Haaland's father *Gary Boldt* - pray for his recovery from surgery.

Jim & Mary Spiritosanto's daughter *Rebecca* - pray that the anti-rejection medication she has been given will work so that her body will not reject the new kidney she received on December 1.

Prayer for Jeff & Katie Saunders, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) in Tokyo, Japan

- RUF ministry - Pray for increased student connections as they meet with them one-on-one and at weekly Bible studies.
- Family - Pray that God will strengthen their marriage as they serve him together. Pray for their children as they learn Japanese alongside English and that they will be a light of kindness to their friends and classmates.

Email prayer requests to robin@springcypresschurch.com.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 5, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Members - please join us for this important congregational meeting! We will be celebrating what God has done in our midst over the course of 2022 and sharing key goals for 2023 - to include presenting the approved 2023 budget as being instrumental in realizing these goals, and holding an election for officers. Contact Pastor Ben with any questions or concerns!

OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Session has approved the following men to be on the ballot at our Congregational Meeting on February 6th at 6:00 pm.



GLENN AYLES, Deacon

Glenn, and his wife, Nicole, have been married for 11 years. They have been blessed with three beautiful girls Sophie (10), Emma (8), and Mackenzie (4). Glenn works in the HVAC industry as a National Accounts Lead for Baker Distributing. He is currently involved with the praise team and leads and helps coordinate worship for the youth ministry on Wednesday nights. After moving to Texas in December 2009, and being exposed to reformed theology, he left his southern Baptist roots and joined SCPC.



WAYNE LIN, Deacon

Wayne and his family moved to Texas in 2019. He and Ashley have been married for over 15 years and have four children. When they first visited Spring Cypress they knew almost right away it was the church for them. Wayne is active with the youth and teaches Wednesday nights. His full-time job is a Digital Marketing Manager for Camping World.



REED WYKES, Deacon

Reed and his wife, Jolene, have been married 39 years and have four grown children, three of whom have amazing spouses, and nine grandchildren. Reed grew up in Austin, graduated from UTSA with a degree in business, served in the US Air Force and has been in Risk & Insurance Management since 1989, primarily in energy. The Wykes have worshipped at SCPC since 2013 and have been involved in the children's, music, women's and adult ministries. Reed came to know the Lord as a teenager and was introduced to reformed theology in the mid-2000's.



SCPC ladies ages 16 and over and your friends, it's time to make plans to travel to New Braunfels for another awesome Women of Purpose conference hosted by sister-PCA church Christ Presbyterian Church! This year's conference speaker is **Megan Hill**, author of five books, managing editor for The Gospel Coalition, pastor's wife, and mother of four children.



When will things settle down? Most of us ask ourselves this question regularly. Job changes, relationship changes, changes in location, changes at church, financial changes, health changes--seemingly every month brings a new set of circumstances into our lives. And with those changes comes the temptation to be anxious, discontent, or doubting. During this conference, we'll consider how to navigate life's changes in light of God's grace. We'll discuss the source of changes and the purpose of changes, and then we'll apply this to how we can encourage and help one another as we are together changed for the glory of God.

Register online at springcypresschurch.com/women (scroll down for conference information). Lodging will be at Schlitterbahn and carpooling will be available.

Our **early registration deadline is JANUARY 31ST**, after which the price will increase by \$15, so don't delay. Sign up TODAY! We do not offer refunds, but all registrations are transferable to someone else without penalty.

	Double occupancy	Single occupancy
Registration		
Student & Pastor's Wives price is \$30	55.00	55.00
Lodging	37.50	75.00
TOTAL cash or check	92.50	130.00
TOTAL credit card	95.58	134.20

General Information

To our visitors:

Welcome, we're so glad you're here today!

- Stop by the Visitor's Center in the Narthex for a free gift!
- Please complete a connect/prayer card if you want us to be in touch, and so we know how we can pray for you.
- If you do not have a Bible of your own, please take one of the pew Bibles home with you today.

To learn more about us and our ministries, visit our website, springcypresschurch.com

To see how our church participates in the global cause for Christ, check out the touch-screen monitor in the Narthex

Like and follow us on Facebook:

Spring Cypress Church

Restrooms are located in the Narthex.

Parents of Young Children:

- Nursery is available in the Children's Wing for children 4 years and younger.
- A cry room, located on the piano side of the sanctuary, is available for parents with young children.
- Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Worship prior to the sermon, and they are returned to the Sanctuary near the end of the service. On Communion Sundays (first of each month), children will remain with their families so that they regularly participate in corporate worship with our entire church family!

Giving at SCPC:

We present our offerings as an act of worship, expressing our thankfulness for God's provision, our trust for God to meet all our needs, and our desire to be used of God for the furtherance of His kingdom on earth.

You may place your gift in the offering plate, mail a check to the church office, or give online at springcypresschurch.com/give.

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